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TAGS: OVIP, (TARR, CURTIS W.)

SUBJ: TRAVEL UNDER SECRETARY TARR IN WEST AFRICA

REF: STATE 121763

1. PROPOSED VISIT UNDER SECRETARY TARR MOST WELCOME
BUT TIMING PRESENTS FOLLOWING PROBLEMS AND COMPLICATIONS
WHICH FORCE EMBASSY TO RECOMMEND AGAINST FREETOWN STOP:

A.) AIR GUINEA (GI) FLIGHT 421 NO LONGER LANDS FREETOWN.

B.) ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM SCHEDULED ARRIVE ON ATTACHE
FLIGHT FROM MONROVIA JULY 6 FOR THREE DAY VISIT.

C.) AIRPORT IS 2 1/2 HOUR CAR AND FERRY RIDE FROM TOWN WHICH
GIVEN SHORTNESS OF VISIT WOULD PRECLUDE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE
CHANCERY AND REQUIRE DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY STAFF TAKE PLACE
AT AIRPORT.

2. SHOULD PROPOSED SCHEDULE BE REVISED AS RESULT RESPONSES OTHER
POSTS EMBASSY WOULD HOPE UNDER SECRETARY COULD VISIT FREETOWN
BEFORE ARRIVAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM AND STAY FOR LONGER
TIME SO HE COULD VISIT TOWN AND CHANCERY.
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